

F. W. I. O. Board Meeting

By Ethel McCandless

THE Ontario Agricultural College with its beautiful spring flowers, trees and spacious green campus is the setting for the Spring Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Mrs. James Haggerty presided at the meeting extending a warm greeting to members and thanking them for their loyal co-operation and support during her new term of office. Special thanks were extended to Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, Past President; Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, Secretary-Treasurer; three Vice-Presidents and Miss Helen McKercher, Director, Home Economics Service, who, Mrs. Haggerty said, had been a tower of strength to her in her new office.

In her report, Mrs. Haggerty said she had attended and addressed many branches and districts celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the Women's Institutes, and all were worth while memorials to the diamond jubilee of the organization. She had also appeared on radio and television in this connection. Upon request, Mrs. Haggerty said she had contributed many articles on the history of the Women's Institute. She had received many invitations to attend district annual meetings which she had refused, due to the fact these are the meetings at which the District Directors report to their districts. Mrs. Haggerty attended the first Provincial Leadership Forum and said the delegates from the Institutes made a splendid contribution to this programme and were spreading the information they received. Mrs. Haggerty reported over \$1,000 and a huge quantity of food and used clothing had been voluntarily subscribed for Hungarian Relief.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

by Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard

Four new branches were started this year, reported Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, Secretary-Treasurer of the F.W.I.O. This was very encouraging, she said, even though two branches had disbanded. There had been a drop in membership from 41,047 to 40,499. Mrs. Maynard asked that branch secretaries advise her when a life member passes away so that she may keep an accurate check on the number of life members in the organization. She suggested that a list of life members be pasted in the secretary's book. If a branch does not know who the life members are, Mrs. Maynard will be glad to furnish a list.

Board members reported 989 Tweedsmuir Histories in existence. 1,692 letters and 534 parcels were mailed and many badges and pins were sent out. Parcelling of these badges

and pins is a tedious job, but Mrs. Maynard says she consoles herself by thinking, "the President's job provides inspiration; the Secretary's provides perspiration."

Mrs. L. G. Lymburner gave a report on the sixtieth anniversary celebrations held throughout Ontario, saying it was very widely celebrated by the Women's Institutes across the province. She received many reports of wonderful celebrations.

Reporting the hand book committee, Mrs. L. G. Lymburner said she was very pleased to report so many members had sent in recommended changes in the hand book. It augurs well for our organization, she said, when members take time to consider and make recommendations instead of leaving it to the Board. Mrs. Lymburner commended the members of the committee for the amount of time and thought given to the changes.

HOME ECONOMICS SERVICE

by Miss Helen McKercher

Miss Helen McKercher addressing the Board thanked them and the F.W.I.O. for the splendid co-operation accorded the Home Economics Service of the Extension Branch. It has been a pleasure to work with the committees, she said. Do not feel sad at the loss of members, Miss McKercher said. Statistics show that rural areas are shrinking. Short courses are increasing and there is increased interest in extension work. Many wonderful newspaper clippings have been received at the office, reporting interesting celebrations of the sixtieth anniversary. Miss McKercher outlined the new programme which she was presenting to the Officers' Conference in detail.

Five new Home Economists will be available for counties and districts, and the service has been expanded to include an additional service in the form of Local Leader Training Schools. "We feel this will be an ideal method of extension teaching," Miss McKercher said, "and a method of helping you to help yourselves."

RADIO AND T.V. REPORT

by Mrs. George Wilson

Mrs. George Wilson reported on the reactions to the F.W.I.O. programme evaluation survey conducted from May to November of last year in the radio and T.V. circles.

A very gracious letter was received from the Secretary of the Fowler Commission, expressing interest in our report for their recommendations. The C.B.C. through Miss Helen James, requested a copy of the report and the Canadian Radio and T.V. Broadcasters Association also asked for a report, a copy of which